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Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,333 crashes as compared to 1,206 crashes in April of 2006. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities remained constant. In actual numbers, there were 7 fatal crashes in April both years. Overall total crashes increased by 10.5% as compared to April 2006. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 6.7% decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 56 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were no fatalities; 12 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 44 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.2 % of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,102 crash reports in April 2007. This resulted in 6,903 crash reports being mailed out, 5.5 % more than last year. There were 997 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 32.9% when compared to April 2006. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 26,104 CAD incidents and approximately 29,367 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 17.5% in April 2007, as compared to April 2006. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests prior to crashes were down 10.4% as compared to last year. DUI arrests from crashes increased by 21.4 % as compared to April 2006. Occupant restraint violations were up 57.9 % compared to last year.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its hazardous moving violation enforcement by 8.8 % and all other violations by 56.5 %. Additionally there was an 52.6 % increase of inspections during April that resulted in a 32.5 % increase in total safety violations. Which increased the number of vehicles being placed "out of service" by 42 %.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | April 07 | | April 06 | % Change | | March 07 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| Total crashes | 1333 | | 1206 | 10.5% | | 1381 | -3.5% |
| Property crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 991 | | 918 | 8.0% | | 1053 | -5.9% |
| Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 335 | | 281 | 19.2% | | 318 | 5.3% |
| Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 7 | | 7 | 0.0% | | 10 | -30.0% |
| DUI crashes [DUI charged] | 68 | | 75 | -9.3% | | 70 | -2.9% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 7 | | 11 | -36.4% | | 11 | -36.4% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 2 | | 4 | -50.0% | | 1 | 100.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 1 | | 4 | -75.0% | | 1 | 0.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 2 | | 2 | 0.0% | | 3 | -33.3% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 1 | -100.0% |
| Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable | 2 | | 11 | -81.8% | | 5 | -60.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 56 | | 60 | -6.7% | | 78 | -28.2% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 44 | | 52 | -15.4% | | 67 | -34.3% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 12 | | 8 | 50.0% | | 9 | 33.3% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 2 | -200.0% |

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .5 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 60 %
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.2 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 10.5 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 6.7 % from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes remained the same as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

| TRAFFIC OPERATIONS | April 07 | | April 06 | % Change | | March 07 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|----------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes ## | 68 | | 56 | 21.4% | | 70 | -2.9% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ## | 146 | | 163 | -10.4% | | 205 | -28.8% |
| Other arrests | 853 | | 973 | -12.3% | | 1006 | -15.2% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) ## | 352 | | 378 | -6.9% | | 431 | -18.3% |
| Speed violations | 3758 | | 3438 | 9.3% | | 3969 | -5.3% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 2507 | | 2009 | 24.8% | | 2333 | 7.5% |
| Occupant restraint violations * ## | 657 | | 416 | 57.9% | | 684 | -3.9% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 11436 | | 9735 | 17.5% | | 11797 | -3.1% |
| COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 74 | | 68 | 8.8% | | 60 | 23.3% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 205 | | 131 | 56.5% | | 77 | 166.2% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 676 | | 443 | 52.6% | | 648 | 4.3% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only | 4 | | 0 | 400.0% | | 0 | 400.0% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 294 | | 271 | 8.5% | | 283 | 3.9% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 1510 | | 1140 | 32.5% | | 1456 | 3.7% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 125 | | 88 | 42.0% | | 85 | 47.1% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 43 | | 68 | -36.8% | | 86 | -50.0% |
| Total school buses inspected | 208 | | 341 | -39.0% | | 288 | -27.8% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 34 | | 49 | -30.6% | | 32 | 6.3% |
| Total trucks weighed | 1342 | | 634 | 111.7% | | 1289 | 4.1% |
| Total overweight citations | 30 | | 88 | -65.9% | | 25 | 20.0% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 680 | | 474 | 43.5% | | 639 | 6.4% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 1 | | 6 | -83.3% | | 6 | -83.3% |

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

| COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | Urban Ops | | Rural Ops | | Task Force |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|------------|
| Level 2/3 Inspections | | | | | 6 |
| Safety Violations Citation | | | | | 2 |
| Safety Violations Repair Order | | | | | 8 |
| Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | | | | | 1 |
| Dyed Fuel Inspections | | | | | 0 |
| Dyed Fuel Citations | | | | | 0 |

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.17%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 7 submitted lab tests of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 4 %of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | April 2007 | | April 2006 | % Change | | March 2006 | % Change |
|--|------------|--|------------|----------|--|------------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions from Console | 329,769 | | 94,840 | 247.7% | | 145,369 | 126.8% |
| Radio Tx and Receive totals | 1,249,695 | | 657,438 | 90.1% | | 1,409,185 | -11.3% |
| CAD Incidents | 26,104 | | 25,495 | 2.4% | | 27,310 | -4.4% |
| Telephone Calls | 29,367 | | 30,474 | -3.6% | | 40,989 | -28.4% |
| Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only] | 30 | | 35 | -14.3% | | 29 | 3.4% |
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| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 1,102 | | 1,353 | -18.6% | | 1,781 | -38.1% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 369 | | 374 | -1.3% | | 412 | -10.4% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 21 | | 27 | -22.2% | | 15 | 40.0% |
| Vehicle Impound Releases | 131 | | 117 | 12.0% | | 92 | 42.4% |
| Visitors at Counter | 997 | | 750 | 32.9% | | 1,210 | -17.6% |
| Crash Reports Mailed Out | 6,903 | | 6,543 | 5.5% | | 7,999 | -13.7% |
| | | | | | | | |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 802 | | 264 | 203.8% | | 539 | 48.8% |
| Warrants Entered | 288 | | 253 | 13.8% | | 349 | -17.5% |
| Warrants Cleared | 198 | | 198 | | | 247 | -19.8% |
| Warrants Validated | 1165 | | 1595 | -27.0% | | 1575 | -26.0% |
| Extradition / Transports | 11 | | 12 | -8.3% | | 8 | 37.5% |
| | | | | | | | |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | 53 | | 85 | -37.6% | | 39 | 35.9% |
| New Items Submitted | 100 | | 147 | -32.0% | | 82 | 22.0% |
| Items Disposed | 32 | | 57 | -43.9% | | 206 | -84.5% |

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 89.8 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 8.1 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 8 Contracts using 96.5 hours, billed in the amount of \$6,091.29

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Projects:**

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Child seat check with Safekids and AAA.
4. Delivery of DUI Simulator
5. Work on State Grant for Seatbelt Simulator.
6. Continued research and information gathering on DPS Courage to live program
7. Planning of Las Vegas NASCAR race.
8. Community service appearances:
Schools: Carl E.S, Kim E.S., Alamo E.S., Elizondo E.S., El Dorado H.S., Las Vegas Academy

Additional Appearances and Meetings:

- Delivery and training on new DUI simulator
- Seatbelt and Traffic Safety Presentation w/AAA Nevada
- NASCAR road and traffic conditions and updates
- Guest speaker at Safeway Driving Academy
- Presenter w/ Driver's Edge
- Attorney General's Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- B.E.S.T. Coalition, Goshin Coalition – Methamphetamine information
- Attendance at LifeSavers Conference in Chicago
- Participate in Special Olympics Tip-a-Cop at Applebee's
- Promote and participate in P.A.C.E. Teen Driving Competition